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REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following groups is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372:
Group I: Claims 1-8, 14 and 15, drawn to methods for preparing a virus-inactivated thrombin.
Group II: Claims 9-13, drawn to thrombin compositions.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-8, 14 and 15, drawn to drawn to methods for preparing a virus-inactivated thrombin.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications of the present application's assignee.

Serial Number	Title	Filed
10/520,436	PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF FIBRINOGEN	August 17, 2006

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Conclusion:

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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